

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
RUSHVILLE CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
THURSDAY JUNE 16, 2011  
5:30 P.M.**

The Rushville City Board of Public Works and Safety met in special session on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bostic called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., with Merlin Herbert and John Mull answering role call. City Attorney, Ron Wilson was also present.

**MINUTES \* \* \* \***

Minutes of the June 3, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Herbert made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

Bostic reported that we did not receive the grant for the downtown façade project.

Bostic said he has spoken with Sandy Coons regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Coons has requested that the parade route travel North on Harrison Street.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

Copley said at the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting Park Director Mathews asked to hire summer employees at the rate of \$7.75 per hour. Mathews said that was what they were paid last year. Upon checking the records it was discovered that they were paid \$7.25 per hour in 2010 and no city employees received raises in 2011. She wanted it made a part of the record that the pay for the summer employees would be \$7.25 per hour.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS \* \* \* \***

**Police** – Cameron said he has had complaints of kids hanging out and leaving trash on the vacant lot formerly Doug Flowers and asked if anyone had any ideas short of putting up a fence.

Cameron reported that Derek Hall has passed all of his testing and they are waiting for confirmation from PERF.

Patrolman Shaver will begin training at the police academy on Monday.

He said they have had numerous complaints regarding illegal drug activity. Cameron said he does not have the man power to assign someone to drugs. He

asked if anyone had any suggestions. Ron Wilson suggested using the reserve officers more. Cameron said he uses them as much as possible. Mull asked about the possibility of using the drug task force. Cameron said he has not paid his dues due to budget cuts.

**Street** – Miller asked permission to hire Steven Davis for summer help for a minimum of 16 hours a week for a period of 8 – 10 weeks. He said he may need him a little more for the 2 week period that Mark Shepherd is off for surgery. Mull made a motion to hire Davis for summer help at the rate of \$7.25 per hour. Herbert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS \* \* \* \***

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS \* \* \* \***

**Park Restaurant Proposals** – Bostic reported that Conover's lease for the Park Restaurant has expired. He said that Conover had his permits since January and has done nothing. The Clerk-Treasurer advertised for proposals for the building. None were received.

Bostic said he has spoken with several people and they agreed that the building should be made into a community center with meeting rooms; we would also have Mary Roller move her classes to this location. The money used toward this would be the \$250,000.00 we received from the State for a community center. We are currently paying approximately \$2,000.00 per month from this money to Rush Shelby Energy for the Learning Center.

John Mull asked for a time line. Bostic said he will put a committee together and they would move as quickly as possible.

Mull made a motion to move forward with the proposal.

Jason Clemons said he is on the Learning Center Council and that money was approved for the Community Center Board and thought that board was over the use of the money. Bostic said Ron Wilson had researched the matter and the money was awarded to the City of Rushville. Clemons was concerned how the classes would continue if the money was used to renovate the building. Bostic said all the money would not be used for renovation, but it would be up to the committee to decide what will be done.

Brad Smith asked that the committee Bostic appoints be asked to re-evaluate the best use of the building and if it can survive as a community center.

Mull withdrew his motion to proceed. Mull then made a motion to have the committee conduct a study and come back with a recommendation for the use of the building. Herbert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bostic named the committee as follows:

Brad Smith, Chairman  
Denny Corn  
Bill Todd  
Danny Mathews  
Jemmy Miller  
Les Day  
Bill Goins  
John Mull

Bostic also asked that the committee work with Mary Roller. Smith said the committee will do a needs assessment and a financial plan.

**Transfer Station** – Bostic said he has been in discussion with CGS to build a transfer station for trash, recycling, and heavy trash. Bostic said this would save the City thousands of dollars a year.

John Mull asked what site they were looking at. Bostic said they are currently looking at Smiley Avenue, but other sites would be considered.

Mull made a motion to allow the Mayor and the City Attorney to negotiate with CGS to build a transfer station. Herbert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before the Board of Works; Mull made a motion to adjourn. Herbert seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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MERVYN R. BOSTIC, MAYOR

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JOHN W. MULL, MEMBER

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MERLIN HERBERT, MEMBER